

CROWDS ATTEND FUNERAL OF KING

Impressive Scene in Cathedral of St. Michael and St. Gudule.

SONS AT PRIVATE SERVICE

Baroness Vaughan and Children at Village of Arronville.

BRUSSELS, December 22.—A torrential rain, accompanied by a driving wind, ushered in the funeral day of King Leopold II., but as the imposing military party left the imperial palace and slowly moved to the cathedral the downpour ceased, the gale died away, and there remained such a dull gray morning as signified the sovereign's death.

The occasion was marked by a general suspension of business, and, undismayed by the tempestuous weather, vast crowds were early in possession of every point of vantage along the route that the cortege would take, while near the palace and cathedral the throngs were so great that they all but overcame the strong restraining force of soldiers and police.

Crowds View Cortege. The scene was imposing as the cortege passed through the streets, whose sidewalks, massed on the sidewalks, at the windows and upon the balconies and roofs, paid respectful homage.

More impressive as a spectacle, however, was the scene at the Cathedral of St. Michael and St. Gudule, that magnificent Gothic pile, which from the city's eminence dominates the many architectural beauties of ancient Brussels. Here in its interior all that the hand of man could fashion to emphasize the regal rites had been done, yet strangely enough the work of the artist served to conceal rather than make more pronounced the stately but noble lines of the kingly edifice, whose marvelous stained glass windows recall the old history of Europe, while suggesting that picturesque past of Belgium, from which, after the domination of many empires, the emerged a separate and independent kingdom.

The body of the King was placed in the royal burial vault in the Church of St. Mary, at Laeken, the suburban residence of the royal family. Near it rest the remains of his Queen, Marie Henriette, the Princess Josephine and the young Duke of Brabant.

Sons at Private Service. PONTISE, FRANCE, December 22.—Lucien and Philippe, sons of the late King Leopold and Baroness Vaughan, accompanied by their governess, drove from Ballincourt to the little village of Arronville to-day and attended a special mass celebrated by Abbe Mor-

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nant for the repose of the monarch's soul.

The boys were white sailor suits, upon the sleeves of which were bands of crepe. The Mayor and other persons prominent in the village life were present. Baroness Vaughan did not appear.

Attend Mass in Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 22.—Henry Lane Wilson, minister to Belgium, has been designated by the State Department to represent the United States at the ceremonies incident to the entombment of the new King of Belgium.

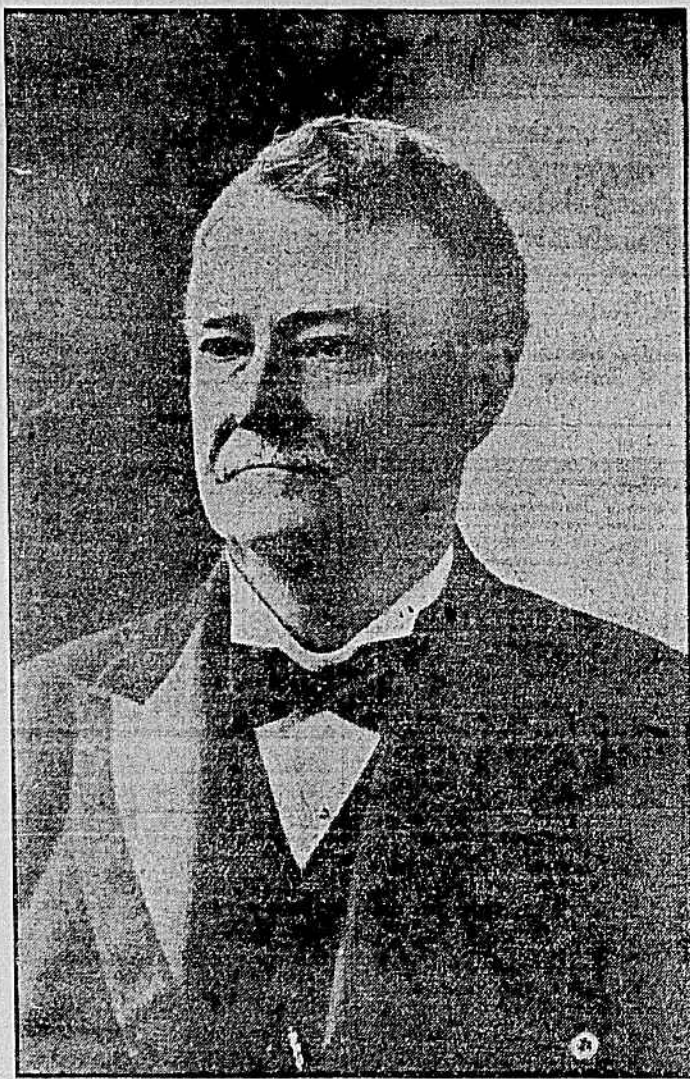
Mr. Wilson will sail for the United

States next Saturday, and soon after his arrival will depart for Mexico, to which country he has been appointed ambassador.

Mass in Washington.

The President, members of the diplomatic corps, the Supreme Court, the Cabinet and official circles generally will attend a solemn requiem mass to be celebrated in St. Matthew's Church to-morrow morning at 10.30 o'clock for the repose of the soul of his majesty, Leopold II., King of the Belgians. Announcement of the funeral service was made to-day by Count de Buisseret, the Belgian minister, and it was stated that, although, no private invitations will be issued, all friends of Belgium will be welcome.

SENATOR M'LAURIN SWIFTLY SUMMONED



UNITED STATES SENATOR A. J. M'LAURIN.

JACKSON, MISS., December 22.—United States Senator A. J. McLaurin died suddenly to-night at his home in Brandon. Death was due to an attack of heart failure and came without the slightest warning at 6.35 o'clock.

When the fatal stroke came upon him Senator McLaurin was seated in a rocking chair in front of the fireplace in his library. He suddenly fell forward without speaking a word, and life was extinct when members of his family reached his side. The swift summons of death followed within a few moments a remark by Senator McLaurin that he was then feeling better than he had felt at any time since his recent severe illness, resulting from an attack of pneumonia poisoning. No announcement as to the funeral arrangements had been made at a late hour to-night.

As a successor to Senator McLaurin, it is pointed out that an appointment might be immediately made by Governor Noel, or selected by the State Legislature, which will convene early in January.

A Defender of the South. WASHINGTON, D. C., December 22.—Senator McLaurin, who was sixty years old, began his first term in the United States Senate in 1874, but was elected Governor of Mississippi in 1885, and served in that office four years. He was elected again to the Senate in 1890, and served one term. He then returned for the term which began on March 4, 1897. His present term of office would have expired on March 3, 1913.

Senator McLaurin was a lawyer by profession, and began the study of

law in 1868, after he had served through the Civil War as a private in the Confederate army. He was born



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on March 26, 1848, at Brandon, Miss., and was reared on a farm. He entered the Confederate army when he was sixteen years old. Seven children survive him.

When the present session of Congress opened, Senator McLaurin did not come to Washington because of illness. In the Senate chamber he was known as one of the strongest defenders of the South, though not as radical as some. He believed in the South, her resources and her future, and he never failed to rise to her defense when she was assailed.

He did some active work on the Senate Committee on the Mississippi River and Tributaries, and was a member of other important Senate committees, among them those on Civil Service, Commerce, Immigration, Interstate Commerce, Public Expenditures and the Joint Committee on Revision of Laws of the United States.

Vice-President Sherman left Washington to-day for New York, and will be in Utica to-morrow. Sergeant-at-Arms Randall telegraphed him of the death of Mr. McLaurin, and expects to receive in the morning the list of the committee appointed to attend if the Senator's family desires an official funeral.

STATE-WIDE FIGHT STILL IN FUTURE

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such an election could express itself in unmistakable and verifiable ways. I do not suppose that reasonable people would like to have such a struggle precipitated upon the demand of a comparatively small number of the voters. Those who favor the extinction of the saloon would be glad to have some assurance of large support as would be given in a petition signed by 25 or 30 per cent. of the qualified voters. If such a proportion of voters cannot be found in the State who are willing to sign such a petition, then on the very face of it the situation would be one of peril for the anti-saloon sympathizers. The Legislature ought to be willing to give the people the right to vote on practically any question of great and current interest, where as many as 25 or 30 per cent. of the qualified voters ask for such an election.

Early Vote Unlikely. "Do you personally favor any early or immediate application of this method if the Legislature should pass such an act?"

"On this whole question I have an open mind. At present it seems to me we ought to be very careful to be ready for such an election before it is called. As the proposed legislation would not be of the nature of emergency laws, the act would not go into effect until the next session. Of course, there would have to be months of diligent work before such a petition as the law would require could be secured and properly attested. On the whole, I should judge that the actual issue will not be raised out in Virginia for a year or two."

"In the meantime," Dr. Pitt was asked, "what policy is likely to be pursued?"

"As already intimated, I suppose the Legislature will be asked to perfect present laws, and perhaps to make such laws, and perhaps to make them more useful to the community. Of course, local option elections may occur here and there in the State. The work of indoctrination will go steadily on. From my knowledge of the men who are guiding the affairs of the league, it may be safely predicted that they are not willing to go to anything that is rash or precipitate, and that they will not lead the anti-saloon forces into a State-wide struggle until in their judgment the people are prepared not only to pass the law, but to have it enforced."

Approaching Convention. "As one who is not officially related to the league, what is your judgment of the approaching convention as to its attendance, enthusiasm and the like?"

"From all I can gather, it will be the largest, most representative and most influential body of temperance workers ever assembled in the history of Virginia. It is altogether likely that every section of Virginia will be represented. It will be by no means a ministers' meeting merely, but citizens of influence and standing, men of light and leading in all the walks of life will be on hand. The anti-saloon cause has long ago passed the stage of mere flamboyant and denunciatory speech. It is now a question of statecraft, of citizenship, a question to be calmly considered, to be fully discussed and to be decided at length in the forum of the judgment and conscience of the people."

WILL EXTEND SERVICE

Covies Would Put All Vessels in Touch With Wireless.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 22.—A sweeping plan for the extension of the wireless telegraphic service for the navy has been submitted to Congress by Rear Admiral Coville, chief of the Bureau of Equipment. "Wireless apparatus of the latest type," he says, "is to be supplied to all the new vessels of the navy, including destroyers and all auxiliaries, as this latter class of vessel has proved very valuable in establishing wireless chains across long stretches of ocean without the necessity of disrupting the fighting fleet. Until it may become possible to entrust all coastwise service to the commercial companies, the bureau is obliged to keep the coast chain of stations in the most efficient condition possible not only for military service, but to warn mariners."

"Another more station is contemplated at Dutch Harbor, Alaska, to carry wireless to Bering Sea, connecting with the Cape Nome station, permitting vessels from Nome to lower California to keep in touch with the world. After the contemplated high-powered station in Washington has been completed it is believed a similar station will be four poles up in the following localities: The west coast of the United States, the Panama Canal Zone, Hawaii and the Philippines. With stations of such power as these places, vessels will be within call while going to or from, or practically in waters where naval operations of interest to the United States might be expected. Each station, it is estimated, will cost \$100,000."

TAY PAY O'CONNOR SAILS

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NEW YORK, December 22.—"My mission here has been successful," said T. P. O'Connor, M. P., as he was sailing on the steamer Mauretania, after several weeks spent in this country to collect funds for the promotion of the Irish parliamentary party's interests.

O'Connor said he had already forwarded some \$40,000 to Ireland and that other funds, the collection of which he had arranged for, were to follow him.

New York's contribution was about \$100,000, with a check from Boston and Philadelphia had contributed substantial amounts. Many smaller cities had responded liberally, Grand Rapids, Mich., for instance, sending \$3,000.

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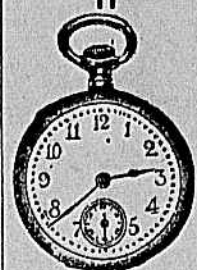
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Mrs. Christy's Appeal Granted by Lunacy Commission.

NEW YORK, December 22.—An order directing the State Lunacy Commission to furnish Mrs. Maybelle Thompson with a certified copy of papers connected with the alleged commitment of her husband, Howard Chandler Christy, the artist, to an insane asylum, was obtained by Mrs. Christy's attorneys from Supreme Court Justice McLean to-day.

This is a new phase of the legal proceedings growing out of the domestic difficulties of the Christys, who are not now living together. Christy making his home in Zanesville, O., while Mrs. Christy remains in this city. According to Charles A. Taussig, Mrs. Christy's attorney, the papers are wanted for use in the hearing before the Probate Court of Muskingum county, O. Mrs. Christy hopes to obtain possession of the Christy ten-year-old daughter, now with the artist at Zanesville.

GAMBLING CASES TRIED.

Harry Marks Acquitted and D. M. Dabney Fined and Sentenced.

LYNCHBURG, VA., December 22.—Harry Marks, who was arrested Sunday morning in the raid of the gambling place over 905 Main Street, when a game of poker was in progress, was discharged after a hearing in the Police Court this morning when it was shown that he did not operate the place. This testimony came in the evidence of D. M. Dabney, who testified that he rented the quarters, and that all of the games, which have taken place there, were his, and he alone profited from the "take-off."

A bench warrant was issued for D. M. Dabney, and he was fined \$100 and given thirty days in jail.

Fred Harper, attorney for the defense in the case, argued that amnesty was due Dabney from the fact that he had testified in the case, and was, therefore, out of the reach of the law.

ROOSEVELT'S BUSY DAY

Meets King David Chwa and Hunts the Sitatunga.

KAMPALA, UGANDA, December 22.—Colonel Roosevelt and Kermit were out early to-day hunting the sitatunga, a rare species of antelope. This was only the start for a busy day. Later in the day Colonel Roosevelt called upon Mother Paul, the American mother superior of the convent here, visited the Catholic mission, helped to dedicate a wing recently added to the church mission society's hospital and lunched with Bishop Hanlon. This afternoon the colonel received King David Chwa of Uganda, and with the latter attended a dinner given by F. A. Knowles, the subcommissioner. To-night the expedition pitched camp at a site provided for it near the church mission society's headquarters.

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